

## Our Ocean Conference Outreach



Project Title	Our Ocean Conference Outreach
Project Summary	Assist with public outreach related to the 2016 and 2017 Our Ocean conference and the 2016 International Coastal Cleanup. Tasks include tracking activities and analyzing data related to Embassy participation in Cleanup and other activities in support of the Our Ocean Conference and movement
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	OES/PPO
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

## Project Description

Secretary Kerry has worked hard to bring ocean issues to the forefront of foreign policy, including through his signature international Our Ocean conferences. Secretary Kerry will host the third Our Ocean conference, entitled "Our Ocean, One Future," in Washington, D.C., on September 15-16, 2016, focusing on the key issues of marine protected areas, sustainable fisheries, marine pollution, and climate-related impacts on the ocean. The hallmark of the 2016 Our Ocean conference will be new commitments for action to protect the ocean – along with announcements on successful implementation of previous Our Ocean commitments – with a particular focus on the role of technological innovation and entrepreneurship in ocean conservation and sustainable use. The conference will also focus on youth and developing the next generation of ocean leaders. The Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) is leading the planning of the 2016 Our Ocean conference.

## Desired Skills Interests

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strong analytical, logistics and project management and communication skills, as well as proficiency in the use of social media. Background and interest in the environment or ocean related issues, including science or policy

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## **Additional Information**

The Our Ocean movement offers an excellent opportunity for U.S. Embassies to do public diplomacy programming and outreach messaging on a highly visual, compelling set of global issues. OES is encouraging Embassies to plan public engagement in support of Our Ocean and its goals. The Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS) intern(s) selected for this project will work with Public Affairs officers from the State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Interns starting in the fall of 2016 will help coordinate and track Embassy engagement related to Our Ocean outreach.

## **Language Requirements**

*None*